REMOVE BARRIERS TO SCREENING

**ASK: Cosponsor the Removing Barriers to Colorectal Cancer Screening Act, H.R. ____ / S. ____**

- Medicare covers screening colonoscopies at 100 percent but if polyps are removed during the screening procedure, beneficiaries become responsible for paying coinsurance of roughly 20 percent (upwards of $300). This additional and unexpected cost is a major deterrent to screening seniors, the population at highest risk for colorectal cancer (CRC).

- According to a recent analysis, closing the loophole with this bill would save Medicare $525 million over 10 years and prevent upwards of 2,000 colorectal cancer cases due to proper and timely screening.

- In the 115th Congress, the Removing Barriers to Colorectal Cancer Screening Act had 305 House and 61 Senate cosponsors. In this Congress, there are over 100 new Members of Congress in the House and Senate, and our goal is to get 80% of them to cosponsor the bill.

**ASK: Appropriate $70 million for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Colorectal Cancer Control Program (CRCCP) to provide all 50 states with the necessary funding to increase colorectal cancer screening rates.**

- The program works with state health departments, universities, and American Indian tribes to implement evidence-based interventions including education, screening, and follow-up services.

- The CRCCP has worked with over 500 clinics across the U.S. to serve over one million patients, increasing screening rates by an average of 8.3 percentage points in just two years, saving lives and money.

- Increasing funding would enable more states and underserved communities to offer screening programs to our country’s most vulnerable populations, and as a result, increase nationwide screening rates.

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